

The Ideas Board is an interactive space at the SKRC for posting your thoughts and ideas about sustainability issues in the Keweenaw. Below is an updated list of community posts currently on the Board:

Human Powered Transport

- Drive Less and Bike More
- Bicycle Paths along Main Roads

Sustainable Transportation & Access

- Public access along waterfront
- Pedestrian paths
- Pedestrian And bike right of way corridors
- Ski to Work
- Use a Grocery Handling cart

Tourism

- Regional tourism that favors silent sports over fossil fuel intense sports
- An Inn-to-Inn cross country ski resort system in the Keweenaw
- Market the fact that the Keweenaw is not of the last natural places in the Midwest

Operations for life cycles of products

- Waste Stream Reclamation
- Reuse the products in the community
- Offer a service at the post office to reuse envelopes

Recycling Methods in the Community

- Post office supplies printer cartridge recycling mailers
- State of the are regional materials cycling systems

Economic Self Reliance

- Cradle to cradle local manufacturing
- Nature based activities that harmonizes with earth cycles
- Keweenaw green map sustainability guide
- The Keweenaw Natural Historic Park
- Activity based Tourist experiences

Investing Locally

- Microcredit for sustainable community Projects
- Establish local currency and barter/trade networks
- Convince people to invest in economic growth
- Invest in peoples abilities to read and write

Conserve resources in the community

- Use resources modestly

Art and Culture

- Poetry night in the woods at Jacks
- Keweenaw Folk Costumes
- Art Therapy
- Gallery Guide, art shows, community art center, CCCAC

Sustainable Development

- stop needless outflow of money and talent
- support local businesses
- encourage enterprise
- build and maintain a workforce
- connect real businesses to local suppliers
- reduce infrastructure cost
- visit and survey businesses
- start a small business networking program
- adapt old buildings to new ones
- revitalize downtowns
- attract businesses with a stake in the community
- employee ownership and operation
- let neighbors exercise the right to refuse
- capitalize on green consumers
- educate entrepreneurs
- recruit appropriate new businesses
- buy local
- market local manufacturing capabilities
- start a local factory
- development that favors locally owned businesses
- create new businesses that fit into the environment and economic features of the area

Quality of Life

- Quality of life and sustainability of environment are linked
- can not be measured by dollars moved
- quality of life is about opportunity

User Groups

- Find ways to help the Elderly get food
- be sure children and elderly have priority consideration in community design
- People with plenty of leisure time
- find out what factors help create strong community collections
- allow people with different views and points to all share their opinion

Laws and regulations for sustainable materials

- conserve nature
- ban or penalize toxic material use
- ban or penalize noise and light pollution

Healthy People

- Find products available for people with SAD and if any can be produced locally
- Tax funded regional healthcare for all
- SAD is a type of depression that usually occurs in the winter
- SAD is caused by a chemical imbalance due to shortened daylight hours
- SAD effects an estimated 500,000 people in the winter
- SAD is more common in people that live in higher altitudes (U.P.)
- Suggested SAD cures are light therapy, balanced diet, counseling, and medication
- Use it up, wear it out, make it do, or do without.
- Calumet habitat for humanity Restore
- Advertise recycling stations
- Natural Burial

Reuse and Recycling

- Recycle Plastic
- Waste Stream Reclamation
- PLAY
- Solar powered Party Barge
- Calumet Restore
- Resale stores
- Develop products that can be manufactured here locally using recycled glass and feed
- Salvation Army
- Glass Recycling
- Waste Management systems
- Hancock Recycling programs
- safer chemicals for snow
- different uses for snow other then removal
- Recycling bin for the SIR

Regional Planning

- Historic Preservation
- Logging, how to make it last forever
- City supported household rainwater collection
- greywater treatment and energy conservation
- "living Machines" for wastewater treatment
- Permeable surfacing for roads, sidewalks, and parking lots

Local Food security

- Grow your own food
- edible public landscaping
- use old windows to create cold frames to extend growing season
- personal connections with local exports
- Change in attitude/ modify beliefs, see from a new prospective

Urban Planning

- Develop incentives that encourage businesses to settle downtown

- Urban growth boundary
- Wildlife corridors impact on animal life in development
- green building requirements for new construction
- sign contracts to preserve the natural look and feel of the area

Keweenaw Resource Network

- Keweenaw Green map/ sustainability guide
- county adopts earth charter
- community center modeling sustainability
- regional sustainability indicators that are regularly monitored, reported to the public,
- these are used to guide development decisions

Ways to Educate the Public

- community access to affordable continuing education
- educate people on the "feel goodness" of basic consumption
- 4 days of school a week, 3 day weekend
- county sponsored design task force that monitors and guides and limits development
- according to principles of sustainability

Sustainable food sources

- Regional seed Bank
- Household and community gardens everywhere you look
- low land prices so people can garden
- tax reduction if you have a garden
- educate people to consume in season foods.
- local food supply infrastructure
- support local gardeners, farmers, and producers

Food Supplying Behaviors

- slow food movement
- buy local food
- seasonal cold storage
- solar food dehydrator
- fuel Meister

Ways people consume energy

- what can we do to houses to make them more efficient?
- Wind and solar uses
- local power generators using sustainable technology
- find alternative use of elevators
- local farm and local equipment
- can lights in Hancock be powered and located in a sustainable way maximize efficiency
- what departments at MTU can help us sustain a efficient Keweenaw?
- alternative heating for houses